

# St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church



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## Life in the Word



# Faith



# WORKS



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**Introducing...**  
**Minister**  
Greg Warfield

## Our Hearts, Our Minds, and Our Doors are Opened



## Welcome Visitors and Members

*We rejoice in the truth of the Word, not that which speaketh from pride or in judgment.*

**Why does the Lord put me in difficult situations where I am tempted? (pg. 6)**



Let the discouragement of the day pass you by. Focus upon what the Lord has blessed you to do and His Love will guide and protect you.

### Philippians 2

1If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

2Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

3Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

4Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

5Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

*“When you encounter a setback, Don’t fall back; God is preparing you for the Ultimate Comeback!”*



*Please join us for our next friends and family service on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of this month.*

**Don't forget to pick up a CD of the sermon.**

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## Pastor's Window

### Truly Giving Thanks

By Rev. Edward Martin Jr.

*Every day we should be giving the Lord thanks for what he has done for us, the people He brought into our lives to bless us and situations the Lord has brought us through.*

*The greatest gift the Lord has bestowed upon you is Life. Life into this world and Life after this world. I thank the Lord for each and every one of you.*

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**In every valley and at every summit, the Lord will meet you if you reach for Him.**



#### Thank you Grandma

For helping my momma take care of me. Thank you for listening to me when I felt no one else was there. Most of all, thank you for always making me feel safe and for all the extra love and teaching me to go in the right way.



#### Thank you my children

For you are my blessing and my future. Thank you for forgiving me when I made mistakes. Thank you for giving me another chance. I will continue to grow and follow Our Lord for you are His gift to me and He has great plans for you.



#### Thank you my love

*For without you I would not be whole. You are my inspiration. Though I may not always know what to do. I know who and what and who I am with you... Truly Blessed.*

*Make sure to give thanks for those who are in your life.*

## WHAT NOW!

The Lord continues to be with you throughout all of your struggles. The reason why you may not be able to see Him is because you are not looking at how big our Jesus is. We tend to look at how big our problem is. This is a doorway the enemy uses to discourage us. Our problems, regardless of how they came to be, is our opportunity to demonstrate our faith in our Lord, Jesus. When we speak to how big our problems are and how are we ever going to overcome them, the enemy uses this to maintain a stronghold over us and we find ourselves in compromising situations trying every wrong way to make the problem go away. When we really need to do is get into the Word and follow the Will the Lord has upon our lives.



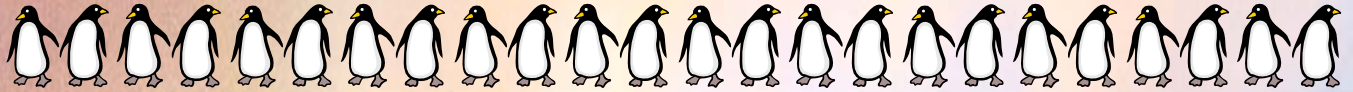
**Thank you Lord for seeing me through when my eyes were opened but failed me. Thank you for restoring my heart from the heartache of what I thought was Love.**

Trust me, I know this is much easier said than done. Not to mention most of the time we can't see how following the Lord's Will would help us the way we need it. **AND THAT IS THE PROBLEM RIGHT THERE.** This is where we get into trouble. Thinking that we always know what is best for us. Seems to me if we knew what was best for us and what we needed, we would not be in the situations we find ourselves in. This is where our faith and obedience in the Lord carries us through.



**Blessed are the reader of these pages.**

# Do I have a bad child?



## Every way I turn they're getting into trouble.

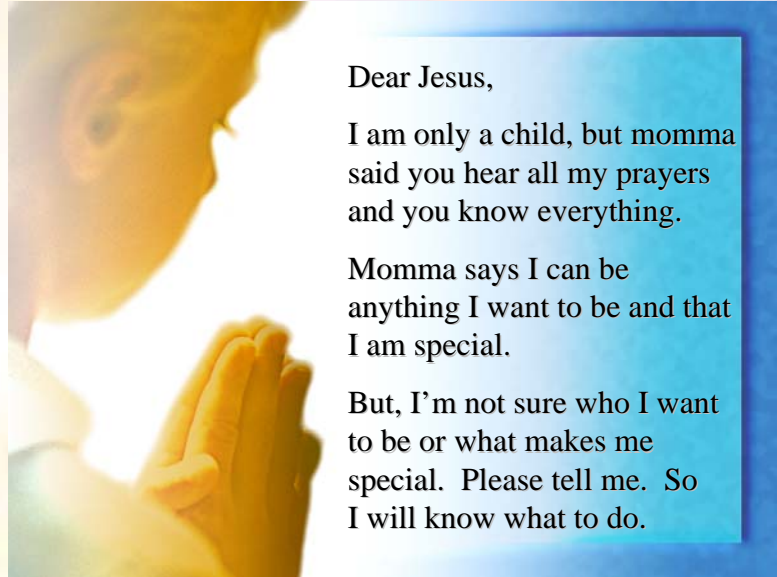
Discovering our purpose in life does not begin when we enter into adulthood. Your child is a gift from our Lord. As parents we must cultivate that gift by teaching them who our Lord is and why they are here. Notice I said teach, not just force. Yes, we may make them go to church, but this is so they may learn. Therefore, it does not end with just taking them to church. You must talk and share with them.

## If you force them to go to church without teaching them, it may turn out to be a bad experience that they will use later as the reason for not going to church at all.

Have you noticed that your child is a leader and not a follower. They seem to always be up to something. Don't you know their gift is crying out to be developed but has no where constructive to go. As a result your child may turn to doing things in which they feel they can show what they can do and feel important.



## Where sitting in a classroom does not constitute learning nor does just sitting in a church.



Dear Jesus,

I am only a child, but mamma said you hear all my prayers and you know everything.

Momma says I can be anything I want to be and that I am special.

But, I'm not sure who I want to be or what makes me special. Please tell me. So I will know what to do.

## When Moses was given the Ten Commandments, the Lord also gave these Words to be spoken. Deuteronomy 6:4-7

- 4Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:
- 5And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
- 6And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:
- 7And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

## Deuteronomy 12:28:

28Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of the LORD thy God.

## Colossians 3:21:

21Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

## Proverbs 22:6:

6Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.



# There's a light on the inside of you.

## *Let the Lord turn it on*

Though we are born into a world of sin, Jesus has paid the wages for what we have done, what we do and what we will do, so that we may be forgiven. There is a God given gift in each and every one of us. This gift is an inheritance of blessings by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It calls for us to develop our relationship with our Lord to fulfill His purpose by using our gifts according to His Will.

## What are you praying for?

Sometimes in our effort to do what we think is best for our families and ourselves, we allow our decision to be greatly influenced by what we or someone else thinks. We may let such factors as money, status and what we see be our motivation. Unfortunately, we sometimes make decisions that result in us needing more money. Yeah, we know that house and car was a little bit above what we budgeted for, but we really, really wanted it. In fact you prayed for it. The question should be is that what the Lord wanted you to have in this season.

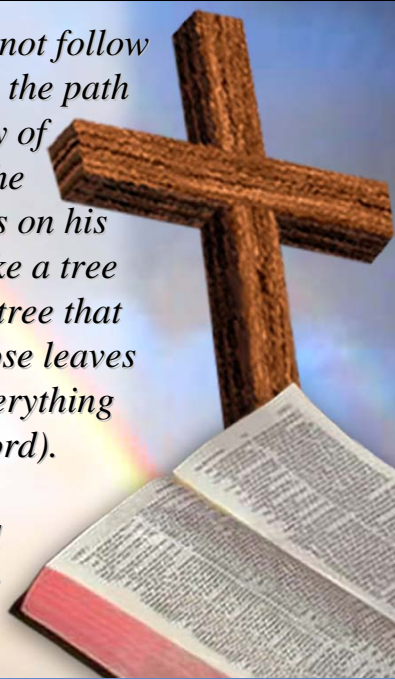
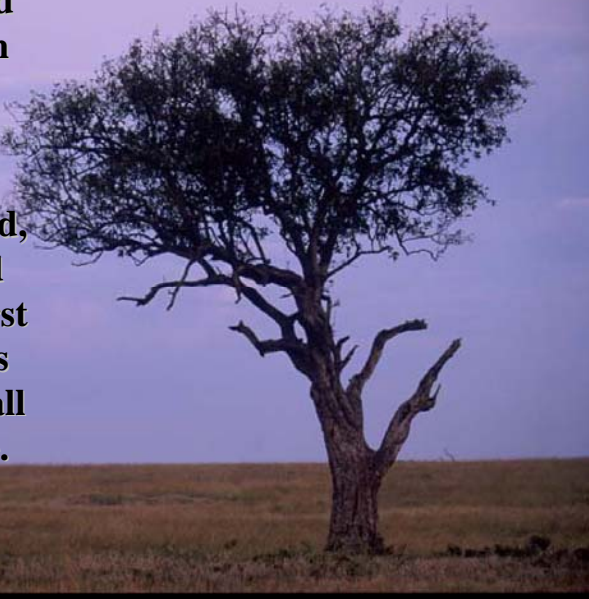
**If you continue to pray for what you want, where does His Will come in?**

The enemy is trying to show you things to tempt you and distract you from your true calling. All things which are obtained out of the Lord's Will shall not profit you.

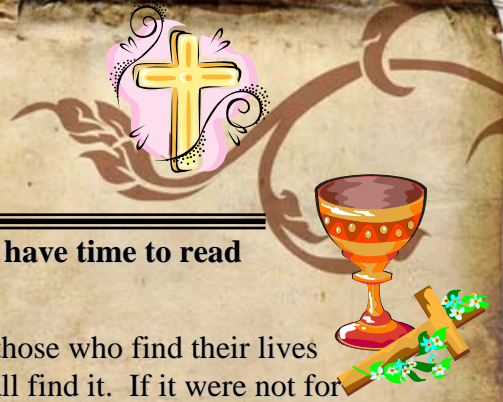
**Alone, must I stand  
against the wind in  
the dryness of my  
solitude, yet will I  
find joy in the  
presence of my Lord,  
for only His Word  
will quench my thirst  
and I know if He is  
with me, no evil shall  
prevail against me.**

*“Blessed is the person who does not follow the advice of wicked people, take the path of sinners, or join in the company of mockers. Rather, he delights in the teachings of the Lord and reflects on his teachings day and night. He is like a tree that is planted beside streams—a tree that produces fruit in season and whose leaves do not wither. He succeeds in everything he does” (Psalm 1:1-3 God's Word).*

***But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. James 1:22***



# I don't have time to read the Bible, I have too many other things to do, like...



**I have a very busy life. With work, family and friends, I just don't have time to read the Bible on a daily basis....**

What does it profit a man to gain the world and lose his soul....for those who find their lives without him shall lose it and those who lose their life for His sake shall find it. If it were not for the Lord you would not have what you have. If you had none of these things but had Christ...you have everything. But if you have all the things of this world but not Christ, you have nothing. For the things of this world will perish.

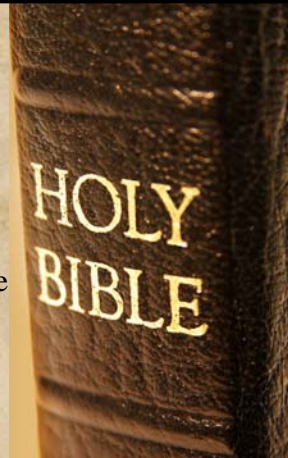
**Don't you know where you come from? You are made in His own image. You are the greatest you there will ever be. The Lord has made you unique with special gifts and purpose in your life. However, you choose who you want to be. The problem arises when who you choose to be is not who you are. (The Lord knows who you are and whose you are, even if you don't.)**

***The enemy is after us and we need the Lord's protection at all times.***

The enemy will attack us at home, outside, even in our mind and in our heart. This is why we need to be careful of what we say and what we do at all times. We should not be led just by what we feel or think, but by the word of our Lord Jesus Christ.



The very things the Lord has blessed you with are meant for you to rule over, not them rule over you. All these things given you by our Lord are the seeds from which you may grow for the Lord in you is the harvest. Use all things according to the Lord's Will and you will grow beyond anything you can buy.



## **Blah, blah, blah I heard all of this before. What do you expect me to do?**



- 1. Commit yourself to Christ**
- 2. Join a church of God where you can develop your relationship with the Lord and fellowship with one another. (Of course, you are always welcome at St. Paul.)**
- 3. Seek of the Lord for what you should do and Act on The Lord's Word. (Remove yourself from unrighteousness whether it be people, places, even your own way of thinking and feeling for they lead to wrong doings.)**
- 4. Set your face to the Lord's Word and Will for your life.**
- 5. Study the Word for in it is the means of your salvation. How can you understand what the Lord's Will is for you without studying the Word. (The enemy is a deceiver to those you know not the Lord's Word.)**
- 6. Remain humble before the Lord and others less pride be upon you. Consider others better than thyself.**

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**Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.**

## **Why does the Lord put me in difficult situations where I am tempted?**

**James 1:12-15** says...

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

<sup>13</sup>Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

<sup>14</sup>But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

<sup>15</sup>Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. “

The Lord has a calling on your life. The enemy will attempt to distract us and deter us from the path of the Lord. We need to be mindful of the company we keep and the environment in which we place ourselves.

Therefore, there are people whom we should not associate with and places we should not go.

**Welcome. You being here is not by chance. You were meant to find us and we you. There is a calling upon your life. Let us worship and fellowship in the Lord's presence together. St. Paul extends our heart felt invitation to you, your family and friends to visit our sanctuary.**

**You are a blessing, regardless of what others may say about you or even what you may say about yourself. Jesus died for our sins that you may be forgiven and have life everlasting. Don't let guilt, hurt or regret stop you from starting right where you are and right now to be the best that Jesus has in store for you.**

**We all come short of the glory of God, not one of us is perfect for we all have sinned. The enemy is trying to get you to believe that you have done too much wrong and you could never be forgiven. This is simply not true.**

**There is still an awesome and wonderful future ahead of you. It may not be an easy road to travel but our Lord, Jesus will sustain you to not only persevere but to have victory in the midst of the storm.**

*God Bless You*

**Thank you so much for considering St. Paul and reading our newsletter. We are praying for you and your family and hope to see you.**



# St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

## Ministries

*It is part of our mission to implement programs and support groups where there is something for every member in our congregation. We welcome you to become involved in one or more of our programs.*



### Men of Faith

**Men's Ministry**  
Led by Minister Whitehead

We are men united in the Lord to do His Works through love, thankfulness and cheerfully giving. Let us fellowship, support and grow in the Lord's Will.

#### Colossians 3:8-9 Says

8But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

9Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

10And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Please consider participating in one or more of our ministries.



**If there is a program or service you believe would be of value to members of our congregation, please don't hesitate letting us know.**



### W.E.

**Women Empowered**  
Led by Prophetess Cesar



We are women acceptable and pleasing unto God; serving our Lord in all we do. Calling all women of faith to bond and fulfill the purpose the Lord has for us.

#### Proverbs 30:30-31

30Charm and grace are deceptive, and beauty is vain [because it is not lasting], but a woman who reverently and worshipfully fears the Lord, she shall be praised!

31Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates [of the city]!(J)

#### Anointed Voices for Christ

Glory Phi God Youth Ministry

Kids for Christ Children's Ministry

Kitchen Ministry

Media Ministry

#### Exodus 15:17-18

17Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O LORD, which thy hands have established.

**18The LORD shall reign for ever and ever.**

#### Missionary Society

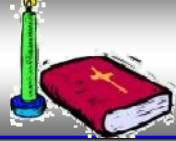
Nurses Ministry

The Spirit and Truth Worship Choir

Usher Ministry

Young Anointed Voices for Christ

**St. Paul, the House the Lord has Built.**



# St. Paul's Announcements

**W.E.**  
**Women Empowered**  
**Bible Teaching**

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

**March 14th & 28th**  
**11 - 1 pm**

**St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church**

**PRaise RALLY**  
**2008**

**MAKE NO REQUESTS  
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**PRaise RALLY**

Mark your calendar, this event is huge...

With Evangelist Chrysanne Moore, Praise & Worship Team from Joliet and surrounding areas, and guest speaker Min. Ron Amos.

Free love gifts for the first 200 people.

## Congratulations Minister Warfield



St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church Welcomes Brother Greg Warfield as the newest member of the Ministerial Staff. Minister Warfield was presented his license by Pastor, Reverend Edward Martin Jr. on the 21st Day of December 2008.

Special thanks to our Deacons, Ushers and Church Staff. All of you make this possible.

- Deacons**
- Tyrone Amos
  - Michael Alexander
  - Cleo Caesar
  - Ernie Fuller
  - Dennis Page
  - Franklin Thompson
  - Dewitt Williamson Sr.

- Ushers**
- Melvin Walker
  - Everee Valentine
  - Justina Page
  - Leelear Jackson
  - Cleveland Kimble
  - Betty Williams
  - Sylvia Barnett

**Rev. Bennie Yarbough**

**Fasting & Praying Bible Study**

**March 3rd at 7:00 PM**

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